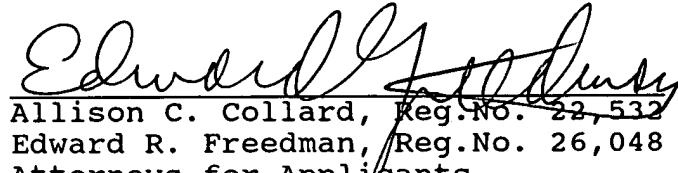


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combustion chambers of the internal combustion engine, and with at least one flange module (9) made of plastic in one piece to which at least one of the intake manifold modules (6) is connected at its other pipe end (8).--

REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, the application has been amended to conform with U.S. practice, the cross-reference to related applications has been inserted on page 1, the specification has been amended to change claim dependencies, claims 1-14 have been canceled and replaced with new claims 15-28 and an Abstract has been provided. No new matter has been introduced. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

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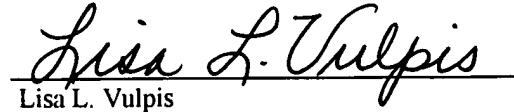

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EXHIBIT A

**Marked-up Version of Prior Pending
Paragraphs Showing the Changes Made**

On page 1, please replace the first full paragraph with the following paragraph:

--This invention relates to a method of joining a first component made of plastic to a second component made of plastic having the features according to the definition of the species of Claim [1] 15.--

On page 3, please replace the first full paragraph with the following paragraph:

--This problem is solved according to this invention by a method having the features of Claim [1] 15.--